THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) During the period April-October, 95 the energy requirement in Uttar Pradesh (including eight hill districts) was 2230S Million Units against which the availability was 19756 Million Units, which represents a shortage of 11.4%. Supply of power to different regions of State is a responsibility of State/ State Electricity Boards.

((c) and (d) The distribution schemes are prepared by SEB and schemes costing less than Rs. 100 crores are not required to be submitted to the CEA for approval and these are processed in the States.

Resentment amongst retired Government Servants

1443. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether resentment is brewing amongst the retired Government servants for not giving the benefit of merger of some part of dearness allowance with the emoluments for purposes of payment of gratuity as has appeared in 'Action Line' of Hindustan Times dated 20th November, 1995;

(b) if so, the justification for depriving those Government servants who retired before 1st April, 1995; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to extend the benefit to such employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c)The Fifth Central Pay Commission, in its interim report had recommended that dearness allowance, linked to the average All India Consumer Price Index (AICPI) 1201.66 as indicated below may be treated as dearness pay for reckoning emoluments for the purpose of retirement gratuity and death gratuity under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972:—

Pay Range	Dearness allowance to be added to pay for calculating gratuity
Basic Pay upto Rs. 3,500/-	97% of pay.
Basic Pay above Rs. 3,500/- p.m. & upto Rs. 6,000/- p.m.	73% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 3,395/-
Basic pay above Rs. 6,000/- p.m.	63% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 4,380/-

The Commission had also recommended that the ceiling on gratuity be enhanced from Rs. 1.00 lakh to Rs. 2.50 lakhs in the case of the Central Government employees who retire or die on or after 1st April, 1995.

The Government accepted the recommendations of the Pay Commission. No proposal is under consideration of the Government to extend the above benefits to the Central Government employees who retired prior to 1st April, 1995.

Major Overhaul of Power Sector

1444. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the views expressed by the representative of the World Bank in India, which appeared in the Times of India dated 23rd July, 1995, regarding completed restructuring of the Power Sector including privatisation and the present scenario of supplying free power to agriculture sector or collecting nominal tariff which would add to the present fiscal problem;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon; and

(c) what are the proper facilities to be created by Government for servicing of foreign investment in power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) The World Bank has from time to time raised various issues regarding the power policy of Government. These *inter-alia* include levy of appropriate tariff for supplies to the Agriculture Sector. Suggestions of the World